IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 5.

Please cancel claims 1-4 and 9-12.

Please add new claims 14, 15, 16, and 17.

The claims present in this application are listed below.

1-4. (cancelled)

5. (currently amended) A method for administering to a patient an aqueous oral medicinal composition comprising an active ingredient for internal use and at least one foaming agent, foaming said aqueous composition with air by ejecting said composition from a foam-developing device for administration, depositing said foam in the oral cavity of the patient without added water, said patient swallowing said foam or allowing said foam to liquefy prior to swallowing.

6. (original) A method for administering an oral medicinal composition according to claim 5, where the foaming agent is at least one selected from the group consisting of polyethylene glycol, saponin, sucrose esters of fatty acids, polyoxyl stearate, polyoxyethylene hydrogenated castor oil, polyoxyethylene polyoxypropylene glycol, sorbitan sesquioleate, sorbitan trioleate, sorbitan monostearate, sorbitan monopalmitate, sorbitan monolaurate, polysorbate, glyceryl monostearate, sodium lauryl sulfate and lauromacrogol.

7. (original) A method for administering an oral medicinal composition according to claim 6, where the foaming agent is at least one selected from the group consisting of polysorbate, polyethylene glycol and sodium lauryl sulfate.

8. (original) A method for administering an oral medicinal composition according to claim 7, where the foaming agent is a mixture of polyethylene glycol and polysorbate or a mixture of polyethylene glycol and sodium lauryl sulfate.

9-12. (cancelled)

13. (previously presented) A method for administering an oral medicinal composition according to claim 6, where the foaming agent is present in an amount of 1 to 20% by weight based on the total weight of the aqueous liquid oral medicinal composition.

14. (new) A method for administering an oral medicinal method according to claim 5 wherein said foam is sustainable for less than 100 seconds prior to being reliquified.

15. (new) A method for administering an oral medicinal method according to claim 5 wherein said foam is sustainable for at least 100 seconds prior to being reliquified.

16. (new) A method for administering an oral medicinal method according to claim 5 wherein said aqueous composition includes a viscous agent to prolong the duration of said foam.

17. (new) A method for administering an oral medicinal composition according to claim 5 wherein said patient has difficulty in swallowing.